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and do not care whether they go to school or not, and if they are kept in the class where they think they belong, it has a bad effect on the good work to be expected of the other members of the class. It makes the work more difficult for the teacher and does the scholar an injustice. Parents cannot afford to overlook these facts in justness to their children and to the school.

Patrons should bear in mind that the appropriations of school money is based on the average daily attendance for the term. The apportionments for next year being governed by the average daily attendance for this school year. Some people will probably be surprised to learn that the average daily attendance for last year was but 56.34 per cent. of the number of children of school age in the county, showing that but a few over one half of the children were regular attendants at school.

The schools of our county will rank favorably with any of the schools of the west, and would not be a disgrace in older states. If parents would only stop to think of the facilities and the comparative cheapness for giving their children a common school education, and that their children will be children but once, they would surely make some effort to take advantage of the opportunities open to all.

N. G. LAYTON,
County Superintendent.

Under the Wheels.

Tuesday at Holbrook, just as the east bound passenger train was pulling out, C. L. White got aboard. A few minutes afterwards, as he was leaning out from the platform and signaling to some friends at the depot, the car gave a lurch and young White was thrown under the wheels, and the fast moving train cut off and terribly mangled his right leg at the knee and his left foot

at the instep. A tramp saw the accident and informed Sheriff Watron, who had the injured man taken to the hotel. Dr. Dryden of Winslow was sent for and in a short time he arrived by special engine. The doctor pronounced the injuries serious and found that a contusion of the head was the most dangerous and probably a fatal injury. The doctor placed the patient under the influence of ether and amputated the injured limbs, but he never recovered consciousness. Before the operation Mr. White, through his friend, C. M. Clark, sent messages to his relatives in San Francisco, as he did not think he would survive the operation.

C. L. White and C. M. Clark were in Flagstaff in December and gave a number of projectoscope exhibitions at the opera house, and had just returned from a trip to Fort Apache.

Our Fraternal Insurance Societies.

When John J. Upchurch founded the Ancient order of United Workmen in 1868, he did not dream that it would head the list of fraternal insurance orders, with a magnificent membership of 370,000, increasing at the rate of 40,000 members per year. It has paid up to the end of 1897 nearly \$75,000,000 to the widows and orphans of its deceased members.

The Independent Order of Foresters was founded in New Jersey in 1874, and the order today has 121,910 members and has a reserve fund of \$2,558,832.37.

Seven years ago the Woodmen of the World launched their organization and it now has upward of 100,000 members and has paid to the beneficiaries of deceased members over \$1,500,000 and has erected a \$100 monument at the grave of every deceased member.

The above societies all have lodges here, which have good membership and are in a prosperous condition.